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Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: FINGERPIN AG

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4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. A copy of the international Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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August 20, 2002

Sir:

Please amend the newly submitted application described above as follows:

In the Claims:

The claims have been amended. A version with markings and changes of the claims as amended is attached.

Please add the following claims:

14. Device according to claim 2, characterized by the fact that a positioning device is intended for the accurate positioning of the finger relating to the finger recognition sensor.

15. Device according to claim 3, characterized by the fact that a positioning device is intended for the accurate positioning of the finger relating to the finger recognition sensor.

16. Device according to claim 4, characterized by the fact that a positioning device is intended for the accurate positioning of the finger relating to the finger recognition sensor.

17. Device according to claim 6, characterized by the fact that as positioning device a transmitter is intended for the data acquisition of the position of the finger and that an output unit informing the user about the position of the finger is intended.

18. Device according to claim 6, characterized by the fact that the positioning device exhibits light sources as display device and/or as output unit.

19. Device according to claim 7, characterized by the fact that the positioning device exhibits light sources as display device and/or as output unit.

20. Device according to claim 6, characterized by the fact that the positioning device exhibits acoustic sources as display device and/or as output unit.

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5. Device according to [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, characterized by the fact that a positioning device is intended for the accurate positioning of the finger relating to the finger recognition sensor.
7. Device according to claim 5 [or 6], characterized by the fact that as positioning device a transmitter is intended for the data acquisition of the position of the finger and that an output unit informing the user about the position of the finger is intended.
8. Device according to claim 5[, 6, or 7], characterized by the fact that the positioning device exhibits light sources as display device and/or as output unit.
9. Device according to [one of the] claim[s] 5 [to 8], characterized by the fact that the positioning device exhibits acoustic sources as display device and/or as output unit.
10. Device according to [one of the] claim[s] 5 [to 9], characterized by the fact that the positioning device, the display device and/or the output unit exhibit mechanical limitation devices or limitation bodies.
13. Device according to claim 10[, 11 or 12], characterized by the fact that the limitation device exhibits a life test sensor, which acquires the blood circulation or the pulse of the finger.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

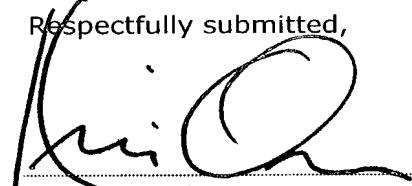
5. Device according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that a positioning device is intended for the accurate positioning of the finger relating to the finger recognition sensor.
7. Device according to claim 5, characterized by the fact that as positioning device a transmitter is intended for the data acquisition of the position of the finger and that an output unit informing the user about the position of the finger is intended.
8. Device according to claim 5, characterized by the fact that the positioning device exhibits light sources as display device and/or as output unit.
9. Device according to claim 5, characterized by the fact that the positioning device exhibits acoustic sources as display device and/or as output unit.
10. Device according to claim 5, characterized by the fact that the positioning device, the display device and/or the output unit exhibit mechanical limitation devices or limitation bodies.
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The foregoing amendments are primarily for the purpose of eliminating multiple dependencies, and placing the claims in proper form.

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Please add the following claims:

14. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 2, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß eine Positionierungsvorrichtung zur exakten Positionierung des Fingers bezüglich des Fingererkennungssensors vorgesehen ist.

15. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 3, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß eine Positionierungsvorrichtung zur exakten Positionierung des Fingers bezüglich des Fingererkennungssensors vorgesehen ist.

16. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 4, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß eine Positionierungsvorrichtung zur exakten Positionierung des Fingers bezüglich des Fingererkennungssensors vorgesehen ist.
17. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 6, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß als Positionierungsvorrichtung ein Geber zur Erfassung der Position des Fingers und eine den Benutzer über die Position des Fingers informierende Ausgabevorrichtung vorgesehen sind.
18. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 6, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Positionierungsvorrichtung als Zeigevorrichtung und/oder als Ausgabevorrichtung Lichtquellen aufweist.
19. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 7, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Positionierungsvorrichtung als Zeigevorrichtung und/oder als Ausgabevorrichtung Lichtquellen aufweist.
20. Vorrichtung nach einem der Anspruch 6, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Positionierungsvorrichtung als Zeigevorrichtung und/oder als Ausgabevorrichtung Schallquellen aufweist.

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5. Vorrichtung nach [einem der vorhergehenden] Anspruch[e] 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß eine Positionierungsvorrichtung zur exakten Positionierung des Fingers bezüglich des Fingererkennungssensors vorgesehen ist.
7. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 5, [oder 6,] dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß als Positionierungsvorrichtung ein Geber zur Erfassung der Position des Fingers und eine den Benutzer über die Position des Fingers informierende Ausgabevorrichtung vorgesehen sind.
8. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 5, [6 oder 7,] dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Positionierungsvorrichtung als Zeigevorrichtung und/oder als Ausgabevorrichtung Lichtquellen aufweist.
9. Vorrichtung nach [einem der] Anspruch[e] 5 [bis 9], dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Positionierungsvorrichtung als Zeigevorrichtung und/ oder als Ausgabevorrichtung Achallquellen aufweist.
10. Vorrichtung nach [einem der] Anspruch[e] 5 [bis 9,] daß die Positionierungsvorrichtung, die Zeigevorrichtung und/oder die Ausgabevorrichtung mechanische Begrenzungsvorrichtungen oder Begrenzungskörper aufweist.
13. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 10, [11 oder 12,] dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Begrenzungsvorrichtung einen Lebend-Test-Sensor aufweist, welcher die Durchblutung oder den Pulsschlag des Fingers erfaßt.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

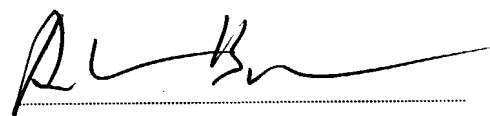
6. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß eine Positionierungsvorrichtung zur exakten Positionierung des Fingers bezüglich des Fingererkennungssensors vorgesehen ist.
7. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 5, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß als Positionierungsvorrichtung ein Geber zur Erfassung der Position des Fingers und eine den Benutzer über die Position des Fingers informierende Ausgabevorrichtung vorgesehen sind.
8. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 5, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Positionierungsvorrichtung als Zeigevorrichtung und/oder als Ausgabevorrichtung Lichtquellen aufweist.
9. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 5, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Positionierungsvorrichtung als Zeigevorrichtung und/oder als Ausgabevorrichtung Achallquellen aufweist.
10. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 5, daß die Positionierungsvorrichtung, die Zeigevorrichtung und/oder die Ausgabevorrichtung mechanische Begrenzungsvorrichtungen oder Begrenzungskörper aufweist.
13. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 10, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Begrenzungsvorrichtung einen Lebend-Test-Sensor aufweist, welcher die Durchblutung oder den Pulsschlag des Fingers erfäßt.

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Device for finger recognition

The invention originates from a finger recognition sensor according to the generic term of the claim 1.

Such devices are used to determine and verify the identity of a person. This is for example necessary for the assignment of access authorizations and entrance authorizations and is made use of for ATM-machines, computer stations, entrances to companies, safety areas or safe-deposit boxes. In contrast to the well-known devices, with which a user discloses his identity with an ID, a smart card with or without personal identification number (pin), or a password, the identity of a person is proven with the help of a device for finger recognition using typical features of the finger, in particular the skin at the fingertip. For this reason the device for finger recognition is equipped with a finger recognition sensor. This sensor determines the typical features of the finger for example with visual means or through semiconductors or lasers. The data acquisition takes place for example visually, thermally, capacitively or via change of a magnetic field.

For this the finger must be laid on, pushed on or rolled over the sensor or on a housing surrounding the sensor. Here it is of disadvantage that the laying on and pushing on of the finger contaminates the sensor or the housing of the sensor. In this way not only diseases can be transferred, but also such a strong contamination can take place, that the finger recognition sensor can take up no more information. In order to exclude this form happening, the sensor or the housing of the sensor must be cleaned in regular intervals. In addition a manipulation of the device for finger recognition is possible. The fingerprint left on the sensor or the housing of the sensor can be determined and abused by unauthorized persons. In addition the sensor can be damaged by deliberate or unconscious manipulation and thereby made useless. Finally by laying on and pushing on of the finger, the amount of information to be taken from the finger area is limited to the area presented from the finger. Lateral areas cannot be acquired in this way.

In contrast to this the device according to the invention with the characteristic features of the claim 1 has the benefit that the finger recognition sensor acquires the typical features of the finger, without laying the finger on the finger

recognition sensor or the housing. The data acquisition takes place without contact. A contamination of the sensor or the housing of the sensor is thereby avoided. In addition no diseases can be transferred to the users. The possibilities of a manipulation are strongly reduced in this way. Beyond that the sensor can acquire a substantially larger area of the finger, whereby the number of typical features to be evaluated is increased.

For the acquisition of the data the finger can be arranged either at a given position without movement. As the further possibility the finger can be moved over a given position and the acquisition takes place during the movement of the finger. If several finger recognition sensors are used next to each other, then acquisition can take place not only at one point but also along a series of points.

After a favorable embodiment of the invention the finger recognition sensor is a visual sensor. The information is acquired thereby over a camera or a camera system, for example over a CCD or a MOS camera. Especially suitable are sensors, which create not only one but several images of the finger and determine from these images in each case the focused areas. Images can already be created when the finger approaches the finger recognition sensor and when the finger is being removed from the finger recognition sensor. Depending upon distance between fingers and finger recognition sensor different areas of the finger are shown in focus. In contrast to well-known devices, with which only then a image of the finger is created, if the finger is located in a certain given distance to the finger recognition sensor, it is desirable for such devices for the multi-picture recording that the distance between finger and finger recognition sensor is changed during the process of creating the images.

After a further favorable embodiment of the invention the finger recognition sensor is active in the infrared wave band. With the help of an infrared sensor, for example an infrared camera, infrared pictures of the finger can be created.

After a further favorable embodiment of the invention a capacitive sensor is intended as the finger recognition sensor.

After a further favorable embodiment of the invention a positioning device is intended for the accurate positioning of the finger relating to the finger

recognition sensor. Thus the user receives an indication or an instruction, at which place he must position the finger or over which position he must move the finger, so that the finger recognition sensor can recognize the finger. This is in particular necessary with devices for the contact less data acquisition of the finger, since in this case the finger cannot be placed on a sensor or the housing surrounding the sensor, which is marked at the correct position. The positioning device can operate actively or passively. That means, it can only indicate to the user in which area he has to position his finger, or it can acquire the actual position of the finger and inform the user whether an accurate positioning is already present or whether the position must be changed. In order to indicate to the user the position on which or over which he must lead his finger, the positioning device exhibits a display device. The display device contains for example mechanical limitation bodies, which limit the area of the finger, or a source of light, which light up only the interesting area. For this also light in different colors can be used.

After a further favorable embodiment of the invention the positioning device exhibits a transmitter for the data acquisition of the position of the finger and an output unit informing the user about the position of the finger. Additionally a display device can be intended, which informs the user first about the identification area. The transmitter can for example be a light barrier. If the finger does not interrupt the light barrier, then the user receives an acoustic or visual signal, which causes him to change the position of the finger. The position of the finger is changed until the light barrier is interrupted.

In this case the user is informed about the fact that an accurate positioning is now achieved.

After a further favorable embodiment of the invention the positioning device includes a source of light, an acoustic source or mechanical limitation devices as display device and/or as output unit. A combination of one or several of these devices can be intended as well. A horizontally or vertically arranged hoop, which is optionally equipped with sources of light, can serve for example as mechanical limitation device. The user is instructed to insert the finger along the symmetry axis of the hoop and to make sure that a distance is kept on each side between the hoop and the finger. Other forms of mechanical limitation bodies, as for example bars are likewise possible. It is of advantage that no contact takes place between the finger and the limitation body, since in this case again the danger of contamination or the transmission of diseases is present.

After a further favorable embodiment of the invention the limitation device exhibits a life test sensor, which acquires the blood circulation or the pulse of the finger. In this way it is ensured, that the finger recognition sensor cannot be manipulated by reproductions of a finger. Such a sensor can be for example a Piezo sensor, which determines the blood circulation of the finger using the Doppler effect.

Further benefits and favorable embodiments of the invention can be taken from the following description, the drawing and the claims.

A design example of the invention is represented in the drawing and following described in more detail. Shown are:

Fig. 1: Perspective representation of a device for finger recognition

Fig. 2: Positioning device of the device for finger recognition in accordance with figure 1 in a top view.

In figure 1 a device for finger recognition is represented with a finger recognition sensor surrounded by a housing 1, which is not shown in the drawing. The finger recognition sensor is arranged in the area 2 of the housing 1. In a certain distance to the housing 1 is a hoop-like positioning device 3, which is equipped with sources of light 4. A screen 5 above the positioning device protects the finger recognition sensor from effects from above, in particular also from the

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incidence of scattered light. In order for the finger recognition sensor to recognize a finger, the finger must be inserted into the hoop-like positioning device 3 in such a way that it, as shown in figure 2, is arranged along the symmetry axis of the device and that a distance to the positioning device is maintained on all sides. This position can be acquired through transmitters not represented in the drawing and the accurate and/or insufficient positioning can be indicated by the sources of light 4, for example in different color.

All features represented in the description, the following claims and the drawing can be substantial for the invention both individually and in arbitrary combination with one another.

Reference symbol list

- 1 Housing of the finger recognition sensor
- 2 Area of the finger recognition sensor
- 3 Positioning device
- 4 Light source
- 5 Screen
- 6 Finger

Claims

1. Device for finger recognition
with a finger recognition sensor and
with a housing (1), at least partially enclosing the finger recognition sensor,
characterized by the fact,
that a finger recognition sensor is intended, which acquires the typical
features of the finger, whereby a distance consists between the finger
recognition sensor and the finger and/or between the housing (1) and the
finger.
2. Device according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that the finger
recognition sensor is a visual sensor.
3. Device according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that the finger
recognition sensor is active in the infrared wave range.
4. Device according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that the finger
recognition sensor is a capacitive sensor.
5. Device according to one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that
a positioning device (3) is intended for the accurate positioning of the finger
relating to the finger recognition sensor.
6. Device according to claim 5, characterized by the fact that the positioning
device (3) exhibits a display device, which indicates to the user the place, at
which the finger is to be moved past or to be positioned.
7. Device according to claim 5 or 6, characterized by the fact that as positioning
device a transmitter is intended for the data acquisition of the position of the
finger and that an output unit informing the user about the position of the
finger is intended.
8. Device according to claim 5, 6, or 7, characterized by the fact that the
positioning device (3) exhibits light sources (4) as display device and/or as
output unit.

9. Device according to one of the claims 5 to 8, characterized by the fact that the positioning device exhibits acoustic sources as display device and/or as output unit.
10. Device according to one of the claims 5 to 9, characterized by the fact that the positioning device, the display device and/or the output unit exhibit mechanical limitation devices or limitation bodies.
11. Device according to claim 10, characterized by the fact that the limitation device consists of a horizontally or vertically arranged hoop (3).
12. Device according to claim 10, characterized by the fact that the limitation device consists of a horizontally or vertically arranged bar.
13. Device according to claim 10, 11 or 12, characterized by the fact that the limitation device exhibits a life test sensor, which acquires the blood circulation or the pulse of the finger.

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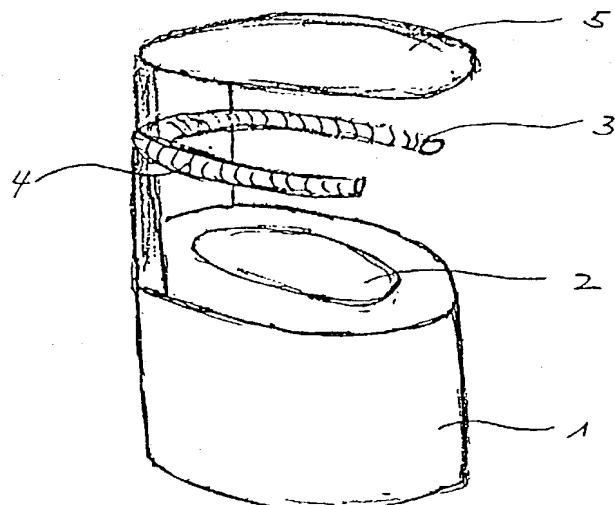
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(54) Bezeichnung: VORRICHTUNG ZUR FINGERERKENNUNG



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a device for finger recognition having a finger recognition sensor and a housing (1) which surrounds or partially surrounds said sensor wherein a finger recognition sensor is provided which detects typical characteristics of said finger and a distance is kept between said finger detection sensor and said finger and between said housing and said finger.

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